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Higher Education for Differently Abled Students
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented to assist the differently abled students for studying in higher technical vocational education course; and
(b) the details of the proposals received under the schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a): Ministry of Human Resource Development has initiated special provisions to assist the differently-abled students and has directed All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and University Grants Commission (UGC) to create 5% supernumerary seats for the differently-abled persons in all the existing scheme of Skill Development. The schemes implemented by the Ministry for differently abled students are as under:
i. Scheme of Integrating Persons with Disabilities in the Mainstream of Technical and Vocational Education: The detail of the scheme is available at the website of MHRD i.e. www.mhrd.gov.in/technical-education-15.
ii. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has launched a scholarship scheme namely SAKSHAM for differently abled students pursuing diploma/degree level technical education in its approved institutions since 2014-15. The detail of the scheme is available at AICTE website i.e. www.aicte-india.org.
iii. The differently-abled students in the IITs have been granted a complete waiver of the tuition fee.
(b): The State-wise details of the funds released to various polytechnics covered under the "Scheme of Integrating Persons with Disabilities in the Mainstream of Technical and Vocational Education" during the last three years and current year are at Annexure-I. The details of the applications received for scholarship under the SAKSHAM scheme are at Annexure-II.
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